

62nd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

Chambers and T. L. Capps as a tribute to the surviving members and to the sacred memory of those who gave their lives and to those who have passed on, as an expression of profound appreciation from the Texas Legislature for their service to the people of this nation.

Adopted by the House on May 27, 1971; adopted by the Senate on May 27, 1971.

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COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF PENAL CODE

H. C. R. No. 184

WHEREAS, After 5 years of study by the State Bar Committee on Revision of the Penal Code, a proposed revision of the Texas Penal Code was finally presented to the 62nd Legislature in January, 1971; and

WHEREAS, The proposed revision of the Texas Penal Code has encountered widespread opposition to many of the changes which it would make in the present penal laws of Texas; and the public is deeply interested in the proposed changes and a detailed study should be given to each section by Members of the Legislature to insure that all changes are in the best interests of the citizens of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the 62nd Legislature hereby create a special Interim Committee on the Penal Code of Texas; the committee shall study and educate the public in the proposed revision of the Texas Penal Code in depth and determine (1) the relative merits and hazards of adopting the proposed revision, (2) possible changes to insure that the new Penal Code effectively protects the best interests of the citizens of Texas, and (3) any other related matter which the committee shall deem significant in making a comprehensive report to the Legislature upon the problems mentioned in this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall be composed of twelve members: six Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and six Senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That from the Expense Fund of the House and the Contingent Expense Fund of the Senate equally, the members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution, and other necessary expenses of operation of the committee shall be paid from the Expense Fund of the House and the Contingent Expense Fund of the Senate equally; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall prepare a budget for the operating expense of said committee which shall be submitted to the House Administration Committee and the Senate Committee on Administration, and no expenditure shall be made until the budget has been approved. Prior approval of nonbudgeted expenditures must also be obtained from the House Administration Committee and the Senate Committee on Administration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the staff of the Texas Legislative Council be requested to serve as staff for the study committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall make its complete report, including findings and recommendations and drafts of any legislation deemed necessary, to the 63rd Legislature when it convenes in January, 1973. Five copies of the completed report shall be filed in the Legislative

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reference Library and five copies shall be filed in the office of the Texas Legislative Council; following official distribution of the committee report, all remaining copies shall be deposited with the Legislative Reference Librarian.

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MEMORIAL—MRS. HILDA B. WEINERT

H. C. R. No. 185

WHEREAS, The City of Seguin and the entire State of Texas suffered irreparable loss on May 28, 1971, with the death, at age 82, of Mrs. Hilda B. Weinert, known for more than three decades as "Mrs. Democrat Texas"; and

WHEREAS, Having long been associated with the Democratic Party both the state and national levels, Mrs. Weinert gave selflessly of her time, many talents, and boundless energy to the betterment of her party, always endeavoring to preserve its strength and unity. She was the close personal friend of three former presidents: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Lyndon B. Johnson, as well as numerous major state political figures; and

WHEREAS, A native of Guadalupe County, Mrs. Weinert was born on April 19, 1889, at Schumanville, near New Braunfels. After attending public schools and teachers college in Seguin, she began her career as a teacher in that city in 1911; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 1915, she was married to the late Hilmar H. Weinert, then a young attorney and banker. The Weinerts were the parents of one lovely daughter. Upon her husband's death in 1956, Mrs. Weinert assumed his position as chairman of the board of Seguin State Bank and Trust Company; and

WHEREAS, Having been interested in politics since she was "in pig-tails," Mrs. Weinert had attended every national convention of the Democratic Party since 1936. She was elected Texas National Democratic Committeewoman in 1944, the position which she held until her retirement in 1960. In that year, she was named "Democrat of the Year" in Texas. She had also served on the Texas Democratic Executive Committee and the National Executive Committee for 28 years, as well as having been a member of several presidential committees. A dominant figure in all county and state Democratic conclaves, her judgment was highly respected by every politician and officeholder with whom she came in contact; and

WHEREAS, One of Mrs. Weinert's basic beliefs was in keeping the party unified. She remained steadfastly neutral during interparty squabbles between the liberals and conservatives. She stated, "I just don't believe in splinters. We have the best party and the oldest party. There's room for everybody in it." She was, as she once said, "at all times a democrat. I go with my party." In accordance with this attitude, she rebuffed the Dixiecrats and the Democrats who refused to support President Truman, and campaigned vigorously for Mr. Truman in the 1948 history-making election which put him in the chief executive position. In 1952 when leading state Democratic conservatives sided with President Eisenhower, Mrs. Weinert staunchly supported Adlai Stevenson; and

WHEREAS, After campaigning in President Franklin D. Roosevelt's whistle-stop tours through Texas, she was appointed Civil Defense con-